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Prof. Charles Hirschman measures students' aspirations for work and college after high school.

Sociologists follow students 'Beyond High School'

When Prof. Charles Hirschman began to survey Tacoma's high school seniors in 2000, he initially sought to evaluate the impact of Washington's 1998 Initiative 200, which banned affirmative action in college admission.

The first survey of high school seniors was conducted in five public high schools in the spring of 2000. The senior survey included questions about aspirations and plans for college and work after high school, and questions about family background, perceptions of their school and home environments, self-esteem, and participation in school-related and non-school-related activities.

A very short survey of parents and guardians was conducted in the months following the senior survey. Finally, the seniors were interviewed a second time by phone or email about six to 12 months after graduation to find out how many of them were living up to their own hopes and expectations.

In the survey's third year, when Hirschman's team returned to the high schools for new data in 2002, an unexpected variable arose. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation had introduced college scholarships and school-redesign programs to half of the public schools in Hirschman's sample through the Washington State Achievers Scholarship Program.

This turned out to be an unexpected boon. From his previous surveys, Hirschman had data that the Gates Foundation did not. He now had a control group to compare against the data from the schools that had adopted the new programs.

"It's what we call in the social sciences, a natural experiment," says Hirschman. "It was almost like we were made for each other."

The Gates Foundation provided a grant and the surveys have continued. For 2003-2004, three private schools and four more public schools were added to the sample yielding

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Beyond High School

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nearly 2,500 surveys from twelve high schools, bringing the three-year total to nearly 5,000.

As the data come in, the researchers will be able to gauge the impact of the Achievers Program on students both during high school and years after graduation as they seek to better understand the “secrets to success” in school and in society.

The long-term goal of Hirschman’s research is to better understand the social conditions that influence post-secondary educational opportunities in American society and, more generally, the lives of young people after they leave high school. A short-term goal of the study is to provide a portrait of the post-secondary plans of high school seniors to school administrators, counselors, and teachers with the hope that such information might aid in optimizing education in the schools included in the study.

Along with long-term data analysis, the project presents results to participating high schools through newsletters

to students and presentations to school faculties. With the potential for policy repercussions, this study is taken seriously by all who work with it.

“Schools undergo accreditation studies, and some of the schools have said they’ll use the study to augment their accreditation report,” said research associate Amon Emeka, who has been working on the project.

In addition to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the study has been supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Both foundations share a special interest in questions of diversity and increasing access to higher education.

“Our real objective is to try to explain opportunity in American society,” said Hirschman. Interested in patterns of minority overachievement and underachievement, he says he hopes to explain who has a chance at the American dream. “I believe strongly in my calling as a social scientist; I believe that we are doing something terribly, terribly important.”

Letter from the Chair

Dear Alumni and Friends,

When I was a graduate student in this department in the late 1970s I never imagined that I would eventually return as a member of its faculty. The possibility that I would serve as chair of this department seemed even more remote. Well, after nearly 20 years on the East Coast, those unlikely events have, in fact, occurred. So, here I sit in my new office in Savery Hall 202.

One of my first major tasks as Department Chair has been to organize the department for its 10-year review. This review is required of all degree-granting programs by the Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board. The first step in this review is the preparation of the “self-study,” an introspective document that assesses the Department’s strengths and weaknesses and lays out a vision for the future. We completed our self-study in November and I am happy to report that the Department is in exceptionally good shape. Of course, we have some challenges facing us, but they are more than outweighed by the many positive and exciting things that are happening. Our faculty and graduate students are making important scholarly contributions – we are publishing more in the top sociological outlets, and our portfolio of external grants is larger than ever before. Our graduate students are competing successfully for good academic and applied positions, as well as for coveted post-doctoral fellowships. We continue to teach thousands of undergraduate students every year, and have a reinvigorated

honors program. Our support staff is the best on campus. Our colleagues, friends, and alumni are responding very positively to our fund-raising appeals.

While I would like to claim credit for these many successes, that credit obviously belongs to others – like my immediate predecessors in this position, Bob Crutchfield and Charlie Hirschman; like the individual faculty, students, and staff, themselves; like the many contributors who have been so generous with their donations to our department; like the College of Arts and Sciences and the University that have invested so extensively, and so wisely, in Sociology at Washington.

Let me close by saying that it is an honor to serve as the chair of such a distinguished department. I look forward to working with my friends and colleagues during the next three years to maintain the positive momentum that we have built recently, and to continue on our upward trajectory. I encourage you to monitor our progress and to share your thoughts with us. I also invite you to participate in the life of the department. While we are proud of us, we are also proud of you.

Sincerely,
Stew Tolnay



Stewart E. Tolnay



Adrian Raftery

Adrian Raftery:

An oft cited statistician

Adrian Raftery, Professor of Statistics and Sociology and Director of the Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences (CSSS), was the third most-cited mathematician for the decade 1993-2003 as reported by the Institute for Scientific Information. Raftery was also the recipient of the 2003 Paul F. Lazarsfeld Memorial Award given by the American Sociological Association and has been elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Katherine Beckett saw the publication of a second edition of her book *The Politics of Injustice: Crime and Punishment in America*, with co-author Theodore Sasson (published by Sage Publications).

Albert Black is the current recipient of the College of Arts & Sciences’ Thomas L. and Margo G. Wyckoff Endowed Faculty Fellowship.

Paul Burstein was named chair of the Jewish Studies Program in the Jackson School of International Studies.

Robert Crutchfield is spending this spring at the University of Cambridge Institute of Criminology working on a book about labor markets and crime.

Mark Handcock and **Martina Morris** received the Cornell Center for the Study of Inequality Distinguished Book Award for *Divergent Paths: Economic Mobility in the New American Labor Market*.

Charles Hirschman is president-elect of the Population Association of America. He will assume the office in January 2005.

Ross Matsueda was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Criminology.

An article by **Steven Pfaff** and **Hyojoong Kim**, “Exit-Voice Dynamics in Collective Action: An Analysis of Emigration and

Protest in the East German Revolution,” was published in the September 2003 issue of the *American Journal of Sociology*.

Steven Pfaff’s and **Edgar Kiser’s** article “Theory, History and Comparative Political Sociology: Assessing Recent Analyses of the Making, Unmaking, and Remaking of States” appeared in *Research in Political Sociology, Vol 12*.

Pepper Schwartz designed a relationship personality test, similar to the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, for the online dating service PerfectMatch.com.

Rodney Stark left the UW in January 2004 to join the faculty at Baylor University’s Department of Sociology as University Professor of the Social Sciences. Stark taught in the University of Washington Department of Sociology from 1971 through 2003. He will be missed.

Katherine Stovel was awarded a grant by the National Science Foundation in March 2004 for her project titled “Hearing About A Job: Networks, Information, and Segregation in Labor Markets.”

Daniel Chirot:

Proposals for ending conflict

During the past year, Daniel Chirot, Professor of Sociology and International Studies, has been a consultant for the humanitarian organization CARE in the Ivory Coast. Last spring he conducted a political analysis of the country’s civil war and proposed various projects aimed at reconciling the combatants and avoiding further ethnic- and religious-based killing. He has since returned to the Ivory Coast to help start and to evaluate some of these projects with funding from the World Bank. Next year he will research religious and ethnic conflicts in Africa through a grant from the United States Institute of Peace in Washington D.C.



Daniel Chirot

Faculty Notes

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Tom Linneman writes of gays, lesbians and conservative Christians

The Pacific Northwest is known for its diverse, unusual politics. There are thriving gay and lesbian communities and populations of staunchly conservative Christians. Both groups wield political power out of proportion to their numbers and yet both feel beleaguered. The complexities of these two communities inspired UW Sociology alumnus Thomas J. Linneman's dissertation. Now he has turned his research into a book, *Weathering Change: Gays and Lesbians, Christian Conservatives, and Everyday Hostilities*, published New York University Press.

Weathering Change tells a tale of two Northwestern cities: Seattle, known nationally for its liberalism, and Spokane, its conservative cousin to the east. The book characterizes the ways these liberal and conservative environments translate into hostility and hospitality for the Christian conservatives, gay men, and lesbians who live within them. Linneman gives us a firsthand account of how people from both groups think about social change in relation to the media, the public, the government, their communities, and their opposition.

Linneman received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the UW in 1999. He has published in the journal *Sociological Perspectives* and in the edited volume *Gay Masculinities*. His research and teaching interests include: social and cultural change, social movements, religion, the media, sexualities, and statistics. Linneman is now Assistant Professor of Sociology at The College of William and Mary. He visited the University Bookstore in Seattle last November for a public reading.



Tom Linneman (Ph.D., 1999) responds to questions about his book at a University Bookstore reading in November 2003.

Saad Ibrahim to be honored at A&S Celebration of Distinction



Saad Eddin Ibrahim (Ph.D., 1968), Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Arts & Sciences.

Department of Sociology alumnus Saad Ibrahim (Ph.D., 1968) will be honored at the College of Arts & Sciences' annual Celebration of Distinction, May 20, 2004. Each year, the College recognizes the accomplishments of four distinguished alumni who embody a commitment to lifetime learning and active citizenship.

Ibrahim is an Egyptian sociologist and advocate for human rights and democracy in the Middle East. He lectured at the UW about Islam and democratization in the Middle East in November 2003 and was, at that time, awarded the Department's first Distinguished Alumnus award. He will now be a Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Arts & Sciences as well. Ibrahim has received major recognition by international and scientific organizations, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Sociological Association. His long list of books and articles (in English and Arabic) address the most important and sensitive issues confronting Arab societies today.

In addition to his position as professor of sociology at the American University in Cairo, Saad Eddin is founding director of the Ibn Khaldun Centre for Development Studies, the leading center for sociological research on democracy and human rights in the region. Beyond his academic role, he is a public intellectual whose writings and speeches have been influential far beyond the Middle East.

Other honorees at this year's Celebration of Distinction will be Tess Gallagher (M.A. English, 1971); Michael Christensen (B.F.A. Drama, 1970); and Isiah M. Warner (Ph.D. Chemistry, 1977). For more information, visit the College of Arts & Sciences Web site at www.artsci.washington.edu.

Alumni News

Whether months or decades have passed since you left the UW, we would love to share your news.

If you would like to submit an update for publication in our next newsletter, just send an e-mail message to Outreach Coordinator Christine Felton at cfelton@u.washington.edu

Soc Events

The "SocEvents" e-mail list will keep you up to date on UW Sociology lectures, and gatherings. To add your e-mail address to the list, send your request to uwsoc@u.washington.edu

Michael Bryant (B.A., 1996) is working toward a Ph.D. in Sport Management at Florida State University with an emphasis on the socio-cultural elements of sport.

William I. Brustein (Ph.D., 1981, M.A. 1977) is Professor of Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh and Director of the University Center for International Studies. His book, *Roots of Hate: Anti-Semitism in Europe Before the Holocaust* was published by Cambridge University Press in 2003.

Paul Froese (Ph.D., 2003) presented the paper "Why Is There No Religion in the Former GDR?: Supply, Demand, and the Causes of Secularization" with UW Professor of Sociology **Steven Pfaff** at the 2003 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. The two also presented "The Sigh of the Oppressed Creature? Atheism, Repression and Religious Adherence among East German Youth, 1968-1989" at the 2003 annual meeting of the Social Science History Association. Froese is now Assistant Professor of Sociology at Baylor University, Waco, TX.

Bruce Hoffman (Ph.D., 2004) presented "Back to Basics: Service Learning as Civic Engagement" with graduate student **Jon Agnone** at the International Conference on Civic Education Research in 2003.

Sabra Loewus (B.A., 2002) was named a Junior Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science in 2004.

Richard Franklin McNamee (B.A., 1953) served in the United States Air Force and now operates a shuttle service in San Diego, CA.

Jean Miller (Ph.D., 1975) is a registered nurse and occupies the Weyker Endowed Chair in Thanatology at the University of Rhode Island.

Marc Sanford (B.A., 1995, Sociology and English) is working on a Ph.D. at the University of Chicago.

Aliya Saperstein (B.A., 1999) has given up sports reporting for graduate school and is a Ph.D. student at U.C. Berkeley and the Assistant Editor of the American Sociological Association's award-winning magazine, *Contexts*.

Doug Snyder (Ph.D., 1966) was recently appointed by the outgoing governor to the Board of Directors for the Maryland Legal Services Corporation. He presented "Legal Aid in the United States: Past and Current Challenges" at the 2003 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association.

Katherine J. Curtis White (Ph.D., 2003) presented the paper "Women in the Great Migration: Economic Activity of Black and White Southern-Born Female Migrants, 1920-1970" at the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association in 2003. White is a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Center for Demography and Ecology.

Joseph Witt (B.A., 1976) has been a registered nursing assistant in home care for 20 years.

Penelope M. Huang (Ph.D., 2003) presented the paper "The Price of Parenthood: Examining Gendered Wage Penalties for Leave-Taking" at the 2003 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association.

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The Department is grateful to all those who contributed to the Department of Sociology over the last year, and especially to those listed at left who made gifts of \$100 or more in the academic year 2003-2004.

Student Travel Endowment established

Graduate Students will hit the road with travel funds this summer

Sometimes a few hundred dollars is all that stands between a graduate student and the chance to attend or present research at a sociological seminar or conference. Historically, the Department has made small grants to help with the travel expenses of Ph.D. candidates already on the job market, but these funds are typically not available for those in their first few years of graduate school.

Sociology graduate students, however, were not about to sit idly by as financial constraints kept them from opportunities to hone their presentations, improve their papers and and increase their employability.

Late in 2002, under the leadership of then-president **Katherine J. Curtis White**, the Graduate Student Association (GSA) embarked on a fundraising campaign to establish the Sociology Graduate Student Travel Endowment. Soliciting donations from alumni, faculty, parents, and even each other, the students have now raised more than \$30,000, exceeding the UW's \$25,000 minimum for an endowment.

Since the principal is invested and the interest used for grants, the endowment will exist in perpetuity to meet the travel needs of future students.

"Rather than just fundraising for the year's needs, we wanted to think more long-term," says **Elizabeth Litzler**, who succeeded White as GSA president in 2003.

Their campaign was a tremendous success, and the first travel grants will be awarded this summer. The Department (and students) are sincerely grateful to all who contributed. Your support is helping to provide experience and networking opportunities that will prove invaluable to our students' careers.

Congratulations to Ph.D. candidates who have accepted appointments:

Amon Emeka: Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Southern California.

Scott Desmond: Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Purdue University.

Jennifer Holsinger: Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Whitworth College.

2004 M.A. Research Symposium

Congratulations to those who presented their thesis research at the M.A. Research Symposium in March:

Andrew Cho: "Exploring the Ethnic Identity of Filipinos in America."

Deven Hamilton: "Sexual Histories: Does it Matter Who is Asking?"

Elizabeth Litzler: "Do Those Who Labor Together Stay Together? The Influence of Specialization, Perceptions of Fairness, and Gender."

Lynne Taguchi: "The Effects of Education and Communist Party Membership on Income in a Transitioning Economy: The Case of Vietnam."

Yingying Zhou: "Uncovering the 'Black Children': an Analysis of Infant Household Registration Status in China."

Support the Department

Your gift to the Department of Sociology can help us educate students, advance research and shape the future. There are many opportunities for giving that can help launch a promising career, support research on critical issues, and reward excellence in teaching and research.

Listed below are just some of the specific funds within the Department of Sociology to which you might consider giving.

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Graduate Student News

Doctoral Degrees

Christine Bond
Janine Chi
Bruce Hoffman
Penelope Huang
Emory Morrison
Arthur Nishimura
Katherine Curtis White

Master's Degrees

Jon Agnone
Amy Bailey
Susan Bryant
Deven Hamilton
Lynne Taguchi
Irina Voloshin
Yingying Zhou

Honors

Amy K. Bailey received the Social Science History Association's Rockefeller Travel Award for her paper "Fertility and Revolution: Reproductive Control as a Manifestation of Secular Individualism in Revolutionary Europe."

Jennifer Edwards received a 2003-2004 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship from the International Studies Center at the University of Washington for dissertation research in Malaysia.

Christine Fountain has been selected to participate in the "Complex Systems Summer School" at Santa Fe Institute this summer.

Shannon Harper received the Blalock Minority Student Award for the 2003-2004 academic year.

Jennifer Hook received a Fulbright Fellowship to study in Norway during 2004-2005 as an affiliate of the University of Oslo and Statistics Norway.

Virginia Rutter was a National Academy of Sciences Christine Mirzayan Intern in winter 2003.

Amy Singer received a UW Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship

Howard "Ted" Welsler received a National Science Foundation grant for his doctoral dissertation "A Theory of Status Achievement." He also won the 2003 Graduate Student Paper Award for the Rationality and Society section of the American Sociological Association for his paper "For Love of Glory: Performance, Self-Evaluation, and Status Achievement Among Rock Climbers."

Publications

Yong Cai saw two articles published in 2003: "War and Bureaucratization in Qin China: Exploring an Anomalous Case" with **Prof. Edgar Kiser** (*American Sociological Review*, August 2003) and "China's Missing Girls: Numerical Estimates and Effects on Population Growth" with **Prof. William Lavelly** (*China Review*, Fall 2003).

The article "Minor Crime in a Quaint Setting: An Evaluation of Vermont Reparative Probation" by **Kevin Drakulich** and Prof. David Karp (Skidmore College) was accepted for publication by *Criminology and Public Policy*.

Nika Kabiri was joint author (with Jacqueline Hagan, Nestor Rodriguez, and Randy Capps) of the article "The Effects of Recent Welfare and Immigration Reforms on Immigrants' Access to Health Care," which appeared in the *International Migration Review* (Summer 2003).

Derek Kreager's paper "Strangers in the Halls: Isolation and Delinquency in School Networks" was accepted for publication in *Social Forces*.

Christine Fountain's article "Finding a Job in the Information Age: Job Searching, Labor Market Outcomes, and the Internet" was accepted for publication in the journal *Social Forces*.

Correction: **Karen Brooks** received a Fulbright-Hays Fellowship in South Africa as reported in the Summer 2003 issue of this newsletter, but it was not a dissertation travel fellowship.

Service-learning course provides opportunity to mentor and learn

Sociology undergrads are making a difference in Seattle middle schools while earning academic credit and gaining experience with the practical and theoretical issues of sociology and education. About 30 to 40 students each year take a course that requires them to tutor sixth- to eighth-graders four hours each week and meet weekly to examine their experiences in light of sociological literature on education and inequality. Graduate student **Howard "Ted" Welsler** began the tutoring relationship with Aki Kurose Middle School in 1999 while working with the Seattle Police Department on a truancy reduction program. Welsler transformed the tutoring project into a service-learning course in the 2002-2003 school year, taught by graduate students **Bruce Hoffman** (Ph.D., 2004) and **Jon Agnone**. Agnone recently expanded the program to include Madrona K-8, a Seattle elementary school.

Undergraduates assist with research in victimization study

Since fall 2002, roughly 35 undergraduates have had a unique opportunity to earn academic credit by assisting with a sociological research project headed by **Prof. Ross Matsueda** with co-investigators **Prof. Emeritus Avery Guest**, **Prof. Robert Crutchfield**, and **Charis Kubrin** (Ph.D. 2000). Funded by the National Science Foundation, "Neighborhoods, Race, and Violence: A Seattle Victimization Survey" was designed to examine the intersection of race, neighborhood social control, and violence in Seattle neighborhoods. Most students have been out in the neighborhoods distributing surveys to specific addresses, while others have assisted with entering data and other office tasks. The city of Seattle is an important site because of recent increases in ethnic diversity, low levels of residential segregation and the availability of data like police reports and drug transactions by neighborhoods.

Undergraduate Student News

Academic Honors

Congratulations to the outstanding undergraduates in this year's Sociology Honors Program:

Simo Chung
Brooke Clark
Katie Corcoran
Oluwatope Fashola
Trisha Fridrich
Peter Graham
Jenna Henderson
Stephanie Liddle
Erin Marcy
Erin Peterson.

UW announces match funds for new endowments

It isn't very often that a 100% effort yields 150% in gain, but thanks to a partnership between the University and a very special group of donors, The Founders, a matching pool is being created that will increase the value of new endowments in the form of a 1:2 match.

Donors who commit \$100,000 or more (payable over a maximum of five years) are eligible. The maximum matching amount for any single endowment is \$0.5 million. The matching funds are only available for endowments that benefit faculty, students, and staff.

Endowed chairs, professorships, fellowships, and scholarships enable departments like Sociology to attract and retain outstanding faculty and graduate, professional and undergraduate students, and thus continue a tradition of excellence in education.

If you have contemplated funding such an endowment in Sociology, your contribution to the future of the Department would be greatly increased if the endowment were established during this matching initiative. Once all matching funds have been reserved, the matching program will come to a close.

The chart below shows how each type of endowment would be affected by the match:

FOR FACULTY SUPPORT

ENDOWMENT LEVEL	DONOR GIFT	MATCH	TOTAL
Endowed chair	\$1 million or more	\$500,000	\$1.5 million or more
Endowed professorship	\$250,000-\$1,000,000	50%	\$375,000-\$1,500,000

FOR STUDENT SUPPORT:

ENDOWMENT LEVEL	DONOR GIFT	MATCH	TOTAL
Regental fellowship or scholarship	\$500,000 or more	\$250,000-\$500,000	\$750,000 or more
Presidential fellowship or scholarship	\$250,000-\$500,000	50%	\$375,000-\$750,000
Fellowship/scholarship	\$100,000-\$250,000	50%	\$150,000-\$375,000

Matching funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Matching funds will be reserved at the time a pledge is signed and added to the donor's endowment upon pledge fulfillment.

For more information about establishing an endowment in Sociology, please get in touch with **Carolyn Black**, Director of Development for the Social Sciences, at cablack@u.washington.edu or 206-685-3863.

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